United States Department of Justice 2017 Annual Computer Matching Agreement Activity Report

1. Name and Address of Reporting Agency

U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

2. Current Information about the Composition of the Data Integrity Board (DIB)

a) List of the names and positions of the members of the DIB:

Lee J. Lofthus Assistant Attorney General for Administration

Michael E. Horowitz Inspector General

Peter Winn
(Acting) Chief Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer
Director, Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties

b) Secretary of the DIB

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c) DIB Membership Changes

There have been no changes to membership of the DOJ DIB in 2017.

3. Computer Matching Programs

a) List of Matching Programs

1. <u>Department of Education (ED) and Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Affairs (BJA):</u>

This agreement matches data from applications for student financial assistance under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) with data from the BJA computer information system, Denial of

Federal Benefits Clearinghouse System (DEBARS), to identify applicants who are ineligible for HEA benefits.

2. <u>Department of Justice, Debt Collection Management Staff (DCMS), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):</u>

DOJ provides records to HUD on judgments being collected by DOJ against individuals owing delinquent debts to the Federal Government for inclusion in a HUD computer information system, the Credit Alert Verification Reporting System (CAIVRS), to allow agencies to prescreen applicants for loans.

3. <u>Department of Justice, DCMS, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS):</u>

The IRS provides DOJ with the mailing addresses of taxpayers so that DOJ may notify the delinquent debtor/taxpayer of enforcement action to collect or compromise debts owed to the United States.

4. <u>Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and Bureau of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA):</u>

BOP will disclose information about individuals who are in federal prison so VBA can match with recipients of benefits.

b) Links

The matching notices and matching agreements currently in effect and posted on the DOJ website can be found here: https://www.justice.gov/opcl/computer-matching-agreements-and-notices.*

c) Accounting

The DOJ DIB has no reason to believe that DOJ and its components have not fully adhered to the terms of the matching agreements during this reporting period.

The DOJ DIB affirms that all disclosures of agency records for use in the matching program continue to be justified.

The DOJ DIB required a favorable cost-benefit ratio for all approved matches. Each matching agreement DOJ participated in during 2017 had a favorable cost-benefit ratio.

^{*} The matching notice and matching agreement with HUD lapsed in February 2018. *See* Privacy Act of 1974; Notice of a Computer Matching Program Between the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), 81 Fed. Reg. 43629 (July 5, 2016), https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-07-05/pdf/2016-15863.pdf. While effective, the matching notice and matching agreement were available on the DOJ website at the link provided above.

4. Cost-Benefit Waivers

The DOJ DIB did not waive the requirement for a cost-benefit analysis for any of the approved matching agreements during 2017.

5. Disapprovals

The DOJ DIB did not disapprove any matching agreements during 2017.